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ABSTRACT

Resolution No. 3947

The Resolution authorizes the Executive Director or his designated representative to enter into a contract to accept funds from the State of California for a Caltrans Environmental Justice Planning Grant on behalf of the National Indian Justice Center.

Further discussion of this action is contained in the MTC Executive Director's Memorandum dated March 3, 2010.

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RE: Acceptance of Funds from the State of California for Native Environmental Justice Ventures

METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION RESOLUTION NO. 3947

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) is the regional transportation planning agency for the San Francisco Bay Area pursuant to Government Code Section 66500 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the State of California, through the State Department of Transportation (Caltrans), administers an Environmental Justice grant program; and

WHEREAS, the National Indian Justice Center (NIJC), a non-profit organization, is proposing funding a Native Environmental Justice Ventures program that will increase participation by Native American tribes in the Caltrans planning grant program; and

WHEREAS, MTC, NIJC, and Caltrans are undertaking a cooperative effort to increase the capacity of Native American tribal governments to participate in state and regional transportation planning processes and promote government to government consultation within those processes; and

WHEREAS, authorization is now being requested by MTC staff to accept and administer State funds in the amount not to exceed \$250,000 for the NIJC project should the grant be awarded by Caltrans; now, therefore, be it

<u>RESOLVED</u>, that MTC Executive Director or his designee, is authorized to enter into a contract to accept State funds for the project in the amount specified above or as awarded by Caltrans.

METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Cook Honorate Chair

Scott Haggerty, Chair

The above resolution was entered into by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission at a regular meeting of the Commission held in Oakland, California, on March 24, 2010.